

REMARKS

The independent claims are claims 7 and 41. The dependent claims are claims 8-18, 42-43, and 45-48. The independent claims stand rejected as being obvious from *Ali* (U.S. Patent Application 2002/0140675) in view of *Sasaki* (U.S. Patent No. 5,396,301). The final Office Action acknowledges (at page 3, last sentence of full paragraph) that *Ali* fails to disclose usage of a loudspeaker arrangement having only three loudspeakers, as presently claimed. However, *Sasaki* does disclose a three-speaker arrangement.

The claims are now amended to clearly distinguish over *Sasaki*. The speakers 42L, 42R face the same direction, but speaker 44R faces an entirely different direction. In contrast, the loudspeakers 26a, 26b, and 26d of the present invention all face in a single direction perpendicular to the display 22.

It is respectfully submitted that the present claim amendments emphasize the fundamental difference between the cited art and the present claimed invention. The present invention has very significant advantages over *Sasaki* because, in projector mode, the speakers 42L and 44R will be facing entirely different directions, and therefore the communication of sound to a user will be very inefficient, requiring added volume to compensate for the orientation of the speakers. In contrast, the present amended claims make clear that the speakers are facing the same direction, and therefore sounds are transmitted efficiently to a user, without added volume to compensate for divergent speaker directions.

CONCLUSION

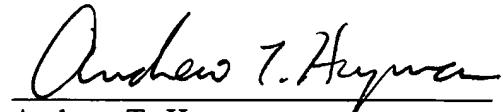
Applicants respectfully submit that the amended claims of the present application define patentable subject matter and are patentably distinguishable over the cited references for the reasons explained. The rejections of the final Office Action of April

20, 2004 having been shown to be inapplicable, retraction thereof is requested, and early passage of all the pending claims to issue is earnestly solicited.

Applicant would appreciate if the Examiner would please contact Applicant's attorney by telephone, if that might help to speedily dispose of any unresolved issues pertaining to the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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